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SSM LAUNCH FACILITIES
SHUANG-CHENG-TZU MISSILE TEST CENTER, CHINA

1. SIGNIFICANCE

A NEWLY IDENTIFIED CRATER IS OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 21,000 FT WEST OF LAUNCH COMPLEX "A".

CONSTRUCTION IS CONTINUING AT LAUNCH COMPLEX "B".

2. REMARKS:

FACILITIES INCLUDE 3 INSTRUMENTED SSM LAUNCH COMPLEXES (ORIENTED WEST) ONE OF WHICH (LAUNCH COMPLEX "B") HAS NEVER BEEN COMPLETED; INSTRUMENTED SAM LAUNCH FACILITIES (ORIENTED EAST); A LARGE MAIN SUPPORT BASE; A SUPPORT AREA IN IMMEDIATE SUPPORT OF THE SAM LAUNCH FACILITIES; AN ASSEMBLY AND CHECKOUT AREA; AND TWO REVETTED STORAGE AREAS. AN SA-2 SAM SITE IS DEPLOYED AT THE APPROXIMATE MIDPOINT OF THE MISSILE TEST CENTER.

THE LAST COVERAGE OF THE MISSILE TEST CENTER [REDACTED] REVEALED

SEVERAL PIECES OF EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING A

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PROBABLE MISSILE TRANSPORTER, ON LAUNCH PAD A-1. TWO RAIL SPURS HAD BEEN EXTENDED FROM A RAIL LINE (PREVIOUSLY REPORTED UNDER CONSTRUCTION TO THE SSM LAUNCH FACILITIES) TO LAUNCH COMPLEX "B". AT THE END OF THE NORTHERNMOST SPUR, WHICH WAS COMPLETE, WAS A PROBABLE LAUNCH POSITION UNDER CONSTRUCTION.

3. LOCATION:

SHUANG-CHENG-TZU MISSILE TEST CENTER; APPROXIMATELY 50 NM NORTHEAST OF SHUANG-CHENG-TZU AT 4107N 10020E.

LAUNCH COMPLEX "A"; 4114N 10017E.

LAUNCH COMPLEX "B"; 4115N 10018E.

LAUNCH COMPLEX "C"; 4118N 10017E.

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5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION

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6. NEGATION DATE: NONE7. SUBSEQUENT COVERAGE: [REDACTED] AND 37 KH MISSIONS.

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8. DIMENSIONS/
SPECIFICATIONS: NOT APPLICABLE.

9. MISSION READOUT: THIS MISSION REVEALS A NEWLY IDENTIFIED CRATER 90 FT IN DIAMETER LOCATED APPROXIMATELY 21,000 FT WEST OF LAUNCH COMPLEX "A". REANALYSIS OF PREVIOUS COVERAGE REVEALS THAT THIS CRATER WAS NOT PRESENT ON [REDACTED], BUT WAS PRESENT ON [REDACTED]

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LAUNCH COMPLEX "A": NO MISSILES, MISSILE-RELATED EQUIPMENT, NEW CONSTRUCTION OR CHANGES IN FACILITIES IS OBSERVED.

LAUNCH COMPLEX "B": CONSTRUCTION CONTINUES AT THE PROBABLE LAUNCH POSITION UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT THE END OF THE NORTH RAIL SPUR. AN UNDETERMINED NUMBER OF RAIL CARS ARE ON THE SPUR, AND A CRANE IS ON THE RAILS NEAR THE END OF THE SPUR. A RECTANGULAR PROBABLE FOOTING APPROXIMATELY 240 BY 55 FT HAVING 5 TRANSVERSE FOOTINGS, IS LOCATED AT THE END OF THE SPUR. A WALL PARALLELS THE PROBABLE FOOTING ON ITS NORTHWEST SIDE. AN IRREGULARLY SHAPED BUILDING IS ADJACENT TO THE PROBABLE FOOTING ON THE SOUTHEAST SIDE. TWO LINEAR EXCAVATIONS, POSSIBLY FOR FOOTINGS, EXTEND TO THE SOUTHWEST FOR APPROXIMATELY 485 FT. SEVERAL SMALLER STRUCTURES AND STACKS OF MATERIAL ARE IN THE VICINITY. THE SOUTH RAIL SPUR IS STILL UNDER CONSTRUCTION, AND THERE IS NO CHANGE IN THE ABANDONED EXCAVATIONS AT ITS TERMINUS. A SMALL CONSTRUCTION CAMP IS LOCATED SOUTHEAST OF THE AREA. NO MISSILES OR MISSILE-RELATED EQUIPMENT IS OBSERVED.

LAUNCH COMPLEX "C": TWO NEW POSSIBLE SMALL BUILDINGS ARE OBSERVED IN THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF THE LAUNCH AREA. ONE SMALL BUILDING HAS POSSIBLY BEEN ADDED IN THE AREA OF NEW BUILDING CONSTRUCTION JUST INSIDE THE EASTERN FENCE LINE. NO MISSILES OR MISSILE-RELATED EQUIPMENT ARE OBSERVED.

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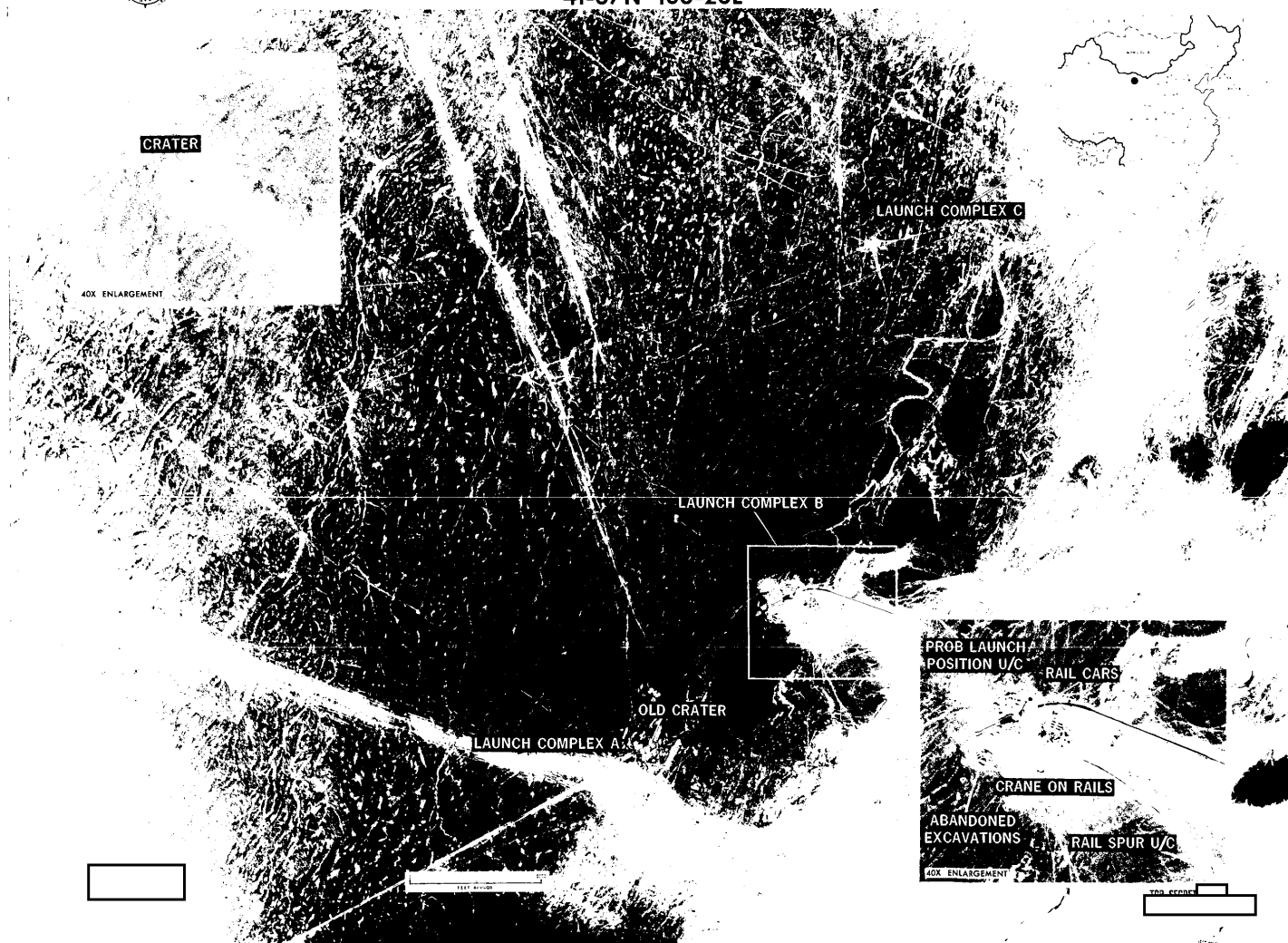
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